

the Apex Court. Consequently, further action for recovery practically gets stayed till the disposal of appeals/writs filed.

Withdrawal by OCC from Public Account

618. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been requested to allow OCC to withdraw Rs. 4429/- crore, which is lying with the Public account of India from 1st April, 1993;

(b) whether the amount is still receivable and forms part of other liabilities of Government;

(c) if so, whether the same is being allowed to be withdrawn by OCC to give some relief to the consumers;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Government has reduced customs and excise duties during the current year on petroleum products, thereby transferring benefit to the Oil Pool Account, which is offset by the outstanding balance of Rs. 4429 crores. Thus, the account stands squared up.

Measures to boost Farm Sector

619. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:

SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether farm sector called on the Finance Minister in January, 2001;

(b) if so, the details of their suggestions; and

(c) the action taken on Stable Policy for Agro-export and exemption from export cess to boost rural economy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Yes Sir.